

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

301 State House  
(317) 232-9855

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7006**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1149

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Legislator Subsistence Allowance.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** Diane Powers

**PHONE NUMBER:** 232-9853

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		395,604	333,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(395,604)	(333,000)

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides for the legislator subsistence allowance in the Indiana Code. (This subsistence allowance has previously been authorized in the biennial budget act.) This bill increases the allowance by \$10 per day for legislators residing more than 50 miles from the State Capitol.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Currently, P.L. 273-1999 authorizes the payment of a subsistence allowance for legislators in the amount of \$25 for each day the General Assembly is not convened in a regular or special session. This bill places this authorization in the Indiana Code and raises the amount of the allowance for legislators who live more than 50 miles from the Capitol building to \$35. Legislators who live 50 miles or less will still receive the \$25 a day for subsistence allowance.

The impact of expenditures will depend on the number of legislators who live more than 50 miles from the Capitol and the number of days between the first and second regular sessions. The number of legislators eligible for the additional \$10 subsistence allowance could change slightly with each election. Based on the current composition of the 2001 General Assembly, there are 111 legislators who would be eligible for the increased subsistence allowance. The additional per diem expenses for FY 2002 are estimated to be \$329,670 and \$277,500 in FY 2003. These expenses would be paid out of the Legislative Council's appropriation for

legislators' subsistence. Since this per diem is taxable income, there would also be expenses for pension contributions in the amount of \$65,934 in FY 2002 and \$55,500 in FY 2003. These expenses would be paid for out of the appropriation for the Legislator Retirement Fund. Total estimated expenses would be \$395,604 in FY 2002 and \$333,000 in FY 2003.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** General Assembly.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**